(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Layout for construction of 1 number of Type-VI, 2 number of Type-V and 4 number of Type-IV quarters at Cuddapah in the land at Almaspet has been prepared and sent to circle office for approval.

Release of commemorative stamps

2548. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Karnataka has requested for release of a commemorative stamp in the memory of Sri Siddanagowda Sannaramanagowda Patil who is the founder President of the country's first ever Agricultural Cooperative Society India; and

(b) by when the proposed commemorative stamp is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal was examined in the light of guidelines laid down by the Philatelic Advisary Comiittee in order to ensure the philatelic value of the stamps issued, and was found to be not in consonance with the stamp issue guidelines, for the present. It is however, mentioned that a commemorative postage stamp on completion of 100 years of the Cooperative Movement in India has been released on 08.05.2005 at a function organized by the Karnataka State Government a Gadag, Karnataka.

GSM service by BSNL

2549. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that GSM telephone subscriber base is fast increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the GSM lines currently in operation and anticipated increase during the next three years, both in respect of private players and PSUs;